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**GROTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO  
IMPERSONATING FEDERAL AGENT AT BIKE WEEK**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** -- United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire Tom Colantuono and Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Boston Field Office Kenneth W. Kaiser, announced that Paul D. Berube, age 53, of Groton, New Hampshire, pled guilty in United States District Court in Concord, New Hampshire, to an indictment charging him with False Impersonation of an Officer or Employee of the United States. The indictment alleged that Mr. Berube posed as an agent of the United States Department of Homeland Security, and utilized a dog to search at locations in the Weirs Beach area of Laconia.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on May 31, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of three years imprisonment and a \$250,000.00 fine. This is a felony offense. The plea agreement filed in the case provides that the defendant be placed on probation for one year and that he surrender the pistol he was carrying when arrested.

The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the assistance of the New Hampshire State Police, the University of New Hampshire Police Department, the Laconia Police Department and the United States Department of Homeland Security. This case was prosecuted by Clyde Garrigan.